Rail projects in Maharashtra

2834. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra and political leaders have sought new railway lines, widening of existing railway lines and doubling of existing railway lines;

(b) if so, the works proposed to be taken up during current fiscal year and the amount allocated for the purpose; and

(c) by when the works are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pen-Roha (40 kms.) doubling work has been included in Budget, 2007-08 at a cost of Rs. 98.74 crore. Outlay provided for the work is Rs. 22 crore.

(c) No target for completion has been fixed.

Survey for new rail lines

2835. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects which have been undertaken by Government for conducting new survey for setting up new railway line in the country particularly in North Eastern Region during the year 2007-08; and

(b) the time by which the above projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Survey for new line from Rupai to Prashuramkund via Mahadevpur, Namsai, Chingkham has been included in Budget 2007-08. Further consideration of the proposal would be feasible once survey is completed and results of survey report are finalized.

Procurement of reserved and unreserved tickets

2836. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern Railway did not follow the